

II. Amendments to Specification

Please amend specification paragraphs [0036] and [0045] of the present application as follows:

[0036] Referring now more particularly to the drawings, there is illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2 a hemostasis cannula which includes a cannula housing or housing 10 having a passage 11 therethrough adapted to receive a catheter. Housing 10 is made up of a housing member or member 12 having an abutting surface 13 and two externally threaded surfaces 15 and 16. A cap 17, which includes recess 18 and defines an internal wall 19, is threaded down on the member 12 on the threads 15 and is glued in place by a suitable cement or the like. Valve body 1 is received into recess 18 and is sandwiched between sections of wall 19 in cap 17 and abuts housing member 12. As can be seen in FIGS. 1 and 2, the face 6 including the cylindrical recess or hole 3 of valve body 1 is directed towards the opening 70 of the cap 17.

[0045] As with valve body 1, valve body 1' is oblong in shape and has a height dimension [[Hid]] H₂ which is greater than the height dimension H₁ of recess 18 of FIG. 1. Therefore, valve body 1' must additionally be compressed in the direction of arrows 8 in order to be received within recess 18. Valve body 1' includes a pair of opposing planar faces 6' which are separated by a peripheral edge 5'. A hole or cylindrical recess 3' is made through one of the faces and extends partially through the valve body as shown in FIG. 14. The hole 3' may be formed by molding during the process of forming the disk or punched, cut or drilled in a separate operation. A slit 2' is made through the other face and extends partially through the valve body intersecting hole 3' within the valve body. Additionally, a raised ring 7' on the top surface of the valve provides a lead-in to the hole 3' of the valve body 1'. As such,

the raised ring 7' makes it easier to place very small diameter devices through the valve. The extra material around the hole 3' additionally makes the valve less likely to tear.